

Comments sent to wvr@vigocounty.in.gov as of 7/31/24 1:20pm

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Date Comment

7/1/2024	As a resident of your plume area and in the direct path of the catastrophe you are set out to create for your own personal gain and at the expense of our children's lives. I absolutely say no to this (pilot project) as I understand it pilot project means let's try it and see if it works 😞 very sad it could cost our lives and our property
7/1/2024	<p>Your complete disregard of the safety of the pipeline and the WVR agreement only benefits your pockets, not the people living in this area. Promising eminent domain to a privately held company who has not been forthright in any dealings with the community and the continual lies they spew to get their way has become laughable. This does not benefit this area. Selling out to the highest bidder does not benefit anyone but the commissioners. Your complete lack of regard is troubling from an elected official. Listen to your constituents, not your pockets.</p> <p>Emilie SMSgt (Ret) Vigo County Resident 45 years, New Goshen area resident 27 years I will vote with my heart and my voice. Elections are coming up</p>
7/1/2024	<p>You were originally notified of the CBA on June 25 yet you did not reach out to the community to make them aware of what was going on, this is not fair. Why did the counsel not notify the community sooner? The counsel knows how this is a very polarizing topic in Northern Vigo County. It appears again the counsel does not have its constituents best interest, only the interest of Wabash Valley Resource. With this being a holiday week, the counsel is only giving the effected residents of Vigo county less than a week to send a response to the CBA this is absolutely crazy!</p> <p>Now upon reading this CBA document it makes me think why do we need commissioners, the CBA with your signatures are basically granting WVR full rights to do whatever they want without the commissioners permission. Does this sound like a good deal for Vigo County? Now in northern Vigo county the side roads barely handling traffic during farming season. How do you propose to make this safe once you add large construction equipment? What about the school busses and kids during the school year the additional traffic this will create will be unsafe, one child hurt from this project will fall solely on the council. Protect our children do not sign this agreement. Put the citizens first not the money!</p>
7/2/2024	<p>What Wabash Valley Resources is proposing is nothing compared to the costs of an accident in mitigation and cleanup.</p> <p>I truly pray that the dollar signs don't cloud the future of those that live in Northern Vigo/Southern Vermillion counties.</p> <p>Just how many jobs is the poisoning of the area going to create?</p> <p>\$5 million for road improvements? Just how far is that going to go when it costs between \$370,000 and \$500,000 per mile to pave a road not including drainage work.</p> <p>Elected officials at the state level have let us down with the passing of 'imminent domain' for private, for profit use. Do let the local officials do the same.</p>
7/2/2024	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I believe the Wabash Valley Resources project will be a valuable asset to the community. Vigo County has lost many good employers over the past 15 years and this facility would employ a lot of people with good paying jobs.</p> <p>I have worked with several of the managers at this facility in the past and have found each of their characters to be exemplary.</p> <p>I have worked in coal gasification for over 18 years and understand the science behind the technology that will be used at Wabash Valley Resources. The science is solid and I can attest that the EPA and IDEM would not have approved the necessary permits for this technology if there was any risk to the community.</p> <p>Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. And please give your approval for this state of the art facility that will bring positive change to our community along with much needed good employment opportunities and tax revenue.</p> <p>Thanks for your time,</p> <p>John</p>
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7/2/2024	We don't want a pipeline anywhere near our home . A benefit package is just a bribe package to get you all (government/commissioner) to ignore the people.
7/3/2024	<p>Please follow the example of the Vermillion County commissioners and not sign the agreement.</p> <p>I watched both meetings and I got the impression that the Vermillion County commissioners were not going to be bullied by WVR. I hope you take note of how they are handling this issue.</p> <p>By signing the agreement you are giving into a bully.</p>

7/3/2024	<p>Commissioners,</p> <p>This is in response to Paragraph 2a of the Community Benefits Agreement from Wabash Valley Resources:</p> <p>"2. Training and Equipping First Responders:</p> <p>a. WVR shall work collaboratively with first responders serving Fayette and Sugar Creek Townships to assist in establishing a program to train and equip first responders in emergency and environmental response specific to the risks associated with WVR's operations, including chemical handling, emergency medical response, and environmental impact mitigation."</p> <p>QUESTIONS:</p> <p>1) What specific chemical(s) or hazardous material(s) would need to be handled in an emergency situation?</p> <p>2) What specific accidents, meteorological events, geological events, or terrorist attacks could compromise or damage which specific WVR systems in what way that it would require chemicals or hazardous materials to be handled as part of an emergency response?</p> <p>3) List the specific types of medical responses that could be part of an emergency response. What hospitals or trauma centers would be expected to receive and treat patients injured in such emergency situations?</p> <p>4) What specific accidents, meteorological events, geological events, or terrorist attacks could compromise or damage which specific WVR systems in what way that it would require environmental impact mitigation? What specific mitigations could be required over how large an area, to what depth, how far downstream, and for how long?</p> <p>5) What worse case scenarios have been contemplated? What scenario would cause WRV to cease operations? What scenario could cause a fatality or fatalities?</p> <p>6) What accidents/emergencies/injuries/environmental incidents would be considered as part of normal and usual operations?</p> <p>7) WRV will provide what 24/7 medical, emergency, and environmental services on-site?</p> <p>Respectfully Submitted,</p>
7/4/2024	<p>My biggest fear is that my property value will be greatly diminished. What I have worked for all my life just handed to such an undeserving company owned by someone that doesn't even know my name or care that all that belongs to me will be destroyed simply just to get rich off the backs of the people. If you think they are not coming for you next you are wrong. when it affects you your home and family tell me how you will feel then. It may have been in the making since 2016 and our county officials may have known it, but I think they were all told lies. When ever came to steal our property they said a small amount line was what they wanted it for. Of course we never sold we have our lives in this property hoping to inherit to our children. I can't let all those plans just go to these thieves. The fight has just begun. and to the girl who said at the meeting why didn't you fight in 2016. I hope she thinks about we just found out in August 2023 and we will fight for her and her family as well. Every child has the right to feel safe at school. With all the violence surrounding them now we have to add emergency training for CO2 leaks. Shame on our Government officials who thinks money is more important than our own family's.</p>
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7/5/2024	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I've lived in Vigo County my entire life. Live here. Work here. Have a daughter who grows up here. The fact that our county commissioners care more about money than they do about our residents safety is ridiculous!!!</p> <p>How can you not be concerned about your citizens! How can you not want to protect our future generations! You all care nothing about our safety or our community. It's highly disappointing that money in your pockets means more than your citizens.</p> <p>It's highly disappointing that the company isn't going to offer any protections or monitoring for the community.</p> <p>You all should be ashamed!</p> <p>Concerned citizen, Jodi</p>
7/5/2024	<p>In regards to the CBA. I suggest adding monitoring of the plume. There is no mention of that. I recently read that plumes are migrating faster than predicted. They should have to monitor where that plume is. It should also be published. We deserve to know when that plume will be under our houses. WVR, supposedly, will be injecting this toxic waste for 12 years. How far do you think that will migrate? I think this should be a big concern. If it stalls and collects in one spot it will break through the caprock and contaminate the aquifer. I think they know it will run under Terre Haute, eventually, it will probably migrate into Illinois. It is very close to the state line. They cannot predict how far that plume will migrate. They cannot stop it. Monitoring that plume should be mandatory and shared with the public.</p> <p>A concerned citizen</p>
7/5/2024	<p>Attached is a wish list. It says Vermillion county but its the same list for Vigo county.</p> <p>I ask that you really consider what was proposed to what is listed. It is necessary to consider all safety issues whether an accident happens or not.</p> <p>CINDY PYLE</p>
Attachment from above	<p>We will need frequent water and soil testing by an independant company.</p> <p>Alarm systems are need in homes in the event of leak or rupture.</p> <p>There will need to be increased funding for Emergency Services, equipment, and training.</p> <p>A safe room is needed at all schools with its own air system in case of a leak or rupture.</p> <p>We need Community Involvement and Education. Public awareness programs.</p> <p>Electric rescue vehicles.</p> <p>Monitors on all public vehicles, police, school buses, mail carriers, county vehicles.</p> <p>Pipeline should be buried 20 feet.</p> <p>All citizens within 15 miles should get text alert message of leak.</p> <p>Hospitals/medical personel need proper equipment and training for CO2 exposure.</p> <p>They pay Vermillion County for upkeep and maintaining the roads used to do their daily checks on their equipment. (road tax)</p> <p>Fines established, in writing, in case they dont comply as stated. These fines cannot be subtracted from their income taxes as expenses.</p> <p>Reimbursement for the residents that paid to have their water tested as a base line prior to injection.</p> <p><u>Any extra expense that the Water Co needs if there is a leak.</u></p>
7/5/2024	<p>Ladies and gentlemen of the commission that represents the powerless people of this county. Why are you letting this outside group poison our county? Why are you endorsing this money grab? We, as in the people who live above this toxic waste, have to set by while all the people that have the power to stop this travesty endorse it. Doesn't our opinions count? All the representatives of state and local government made this possible without consulting the people and now you are enlisting our opinions? Stop this insanity and if it's too far to stop it at least charge them a dumping fee for doing it. They are getting government money we as the county should get a set amount per ton of waste that they are going to dump here and leave, not to be held accountable. Too many people that live here are against this. Again why are you letting this happen?</p> <p>William</p>
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I am Susan, a landowner affected by Wabash Valley Resources' pilot project. The Vigo county commissioners asked us to email our suggestions as to what we feel would be important to include in the WVR Community Benefits Agreement. I intend to leave all the decisions regarding what money the county and community foundation will get to the county elected officials, however, as an impacted resident these are the things I feel must be included in this agreement. Safety and protection of the impacted communities is my priority as you will see below and in the attached document. Since this is a holiday week and we have been placed under a July 8th at noon deadline, it is difficult to be specific in regards to the actual equipment and procedures necessary. I am not only concerned about response from the community because of the extremely limited deadline, but also because many in our area have limited to no internet access.

This is not a comprehensive list but these are some of the things that were on the forefront of my mind and I feel need to be specifically included.

I feel that the following statement and bullet points should be included as part of Wabash Valley Resources' Vigo County Community Benefits Agreement:

Any company operating at 444 W Sandford Ave, West Terre Haute, IN 47885 and/or any company owning in whole or in part, or operating any infrastructure related to this "pilot project" including but not limited to pipelines, injection wells, and any facilities associated with this pilot project will be referred to as Wabash Valley Resources for the purpose of this document regardless of their name in actuality.

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- Wabash Valley Resource agrees to exceed safety standards established by federal, state, and local law.

- Wabash Valley Resources agrees to provide funding for annual testing of private wells within the impacted areas.

- In the event that Wabash Valley Resources assigns this project in whole or in part, to any person or entity, any assignee will thereupon assume any and all obligations and liabilities of Wabash Valley Resources under this agreement.

- Wabash Valley Resources will establish and maintain a form of financial security in an amount sufficient to fund the costs of decommissioning and dismantling the pilot project at the conclusion of its scheduled operational life in accordance with the requirements of applicable federal and state laws, regulations, licenses, permits and approvals. The amount of financial security shall be revised no less frequently than every five years in order to keep pace with changes in such costs

- Wabash Valley Resources will return all easements in full once the pilot project is decommissioned without any additional court proceedings or cost to the landowner. Wabash Valley Resources will offer Landowners the option of abandoning the pipeline in place or removing the pipeline and restoring the affected land to equal or better condition. If Landowner allows the pipeline to be abandoned in place, Wabash Valley Resources will provide a one-time payment equivalent to the cost of removal and restoration.

7/6/2024

The deadline for the Wabash Valley Resources community benefits package for Vigo county has put undue restrictions on the community and directly impacted citizens by enacting overly restrictive deadlines, limited access to direct in-person commentary, and refusal to hold public meetings to inform the public and discuss the needs of the fence-line communities.

Since it has been made clear that some parties believe that open, face to face meetings about the Community Benefits Agreement would not be productive, I believe we should engage a mutually agreed upon mediator for this process as is common in situations pertaining to eminent domain and other situations with continued opposition.

Furthermore, community engagement, feedback, and input are critical to ensure a quality community benefits agreement. Since the community was not engaged for input for the first draft of the community benefits agreement their interests and concerns were not represented in the draft presented to the commissioners. To that end, it is of vital importance that all: community benefits requests, responses from the commissioners and company representatives, and a revised draft of the community benefits agreement are compiled and disclosed to the community and comments are opened for the second draft of the community benefits agreement before any such agreement is signed and implemented.

The fact that Wabash Valley Resources' pilot project will be the largest carbon capture and sequestration project in the United States makes compiling a comprehensive and specified list of necessary monitoring and protective measures for the safety of the fence-line communities absolutely imperative.

Therefore, below are modifications and additions to Wabash Valley Resources' Vigo Community benefits package that I feel, with the extremely limited analysis time given to me, are crucial to even begin to establish safety and monitoring equipment lists and procedures needed to protect our communities from Wabash Valley Resources' experimental pilot project.

Sincerely,
Whitney

fence-line community member and mother of students at impacted elementary school

COMMUNITY BENEFITS AGREEMENT REQUESTED REVISIONS:

The following should be included as points of clarification regarding the definitions of the involved parties:

Any company operating at 444 W Sandford Ave, West Terre Haute, IN 47885 and/or any company owning in whole or in part, or operating any infrastructure related to this "pilot project" including but not limited to pipelines, injection wells, and any facilities associated with this pilot project will be referred to as Wabash Valley Resources for the purpose of this document regardless of their name in actuality.

The definition of the "Project" should be amended to include the carbon dioxide facility.

WHEREAS Wabash Valley Resources is building manufacturing facilities and a carbon sequestration project to be located in Vigo County (the "Project")

The statement about the community's past and continuing support should be amended to reflect the fact that the impacted community has not and does not support this project.

WHEREAS Wabash Valley Resources recognizes the past and continued support of state legislators and some local government officials of the Project, and has agreed to provide certain community benefits;

Section 2 Training and Equipping First Responders should be amended as follows:

Section 2 Training and Equipping First Responders and Community Entities

This section should be amended to include the following:

Wabash Valley Resources shall work collaboratively with first responders serving the New Goshen, Sanford, and West Terre Haute communities. Wabash Valley Resources will fund and collaborate to create programs to train EMS workers and first responders in emergency and environmental response specific to the risks associated with Wabash Valley Resources' manufacturing facilities' operations and their carbon dioxide sequestration project.

Wabash Valley Resources shall work collaboratively with the school boards and leadership of school corporations as well as the leadership of specific schools located near Project pipelines and injection areas to develop and implement safety and evacuation education and procedures, at Wabash Valley Resources' expense, including but not limited to any such training, equipment, materials, or programs necessary to facilitate emergency preparedness and response in the event of a carbon dioxide injection well failure or event or a carbon dioxide pipeline failure or event.

Wabash Valley Resources agrees to provide equipment and devices for use in detection/response to the release of carbon dioxide to emergency response organizations as well as school corporations/schools within the vicinity of CO2 pipelines and injection wells/plumes.

Wabash Valley Resources agrees to disclose modeling of worst case discharge and failure modeling as well as safety data sheets to all emergency responders and school corporations/ schools within the vicinity of CO2 pipelines and injection wells/plumes.

Section 3 Rural Infrastructure Improvement and Use Agreement should be amended as follows:

Any and all language allowing WVR unencumbered access or expedited processes regarding land and road uses and ordinances shall be removed.

This section should be amended to include the following:

- a. Wabash Valley Resources will follow normal application, oversight, and approval protocol for performance of any roadwork or closures.
- b. After receiving approval for road repairs or closures through normal application and review procedures, Wabash Valley Resources will provide a minimum of 1-week notice of any road repairs or closures to be disclosed through their website, an opt-in text message system, and the local news stations and newspapers.
- c. Wabash Valley Resources will consult with the county transportation departments and the local school corporations concerning roads impacted by upgrades and other infrastructure implementation. Wabash Valley Resources will garner input from local school corporation leadership about the impact of project infrastructure and road use on bus routes and bus stops. Wabash Valley Resources commits to implementing suggestions from local school corporations on placement of project infrastructure, road use, and road work.
- d. Wabash Valley Resources will identify and list on the CBA the roads they intend to use for their project infrastructure and transportation needs.
- e. Wabash Valley Resources will abide by all local, state, and federal road use regulations.
- f. Wabash Valley Resources will provide a detailed list and map, including specific names, indicating the roads that will be used and improved for the manufacturing and carbon sequestration activities and infrastructure to all stakeholders including but not limited to all county citizens, school corporations, and elected officials.

Section 5 Compliance and Reporting shall be amended to include the following:

Wabash Valley Resources will engage the USGS, at Wabash Valley Resources' expense, to install and monitor a seismic network including but not limited to a system, similar in number and sensitivity to those at the ADM facility in Decatur IL, for each injection site which will record micro-quakes.

Wabash Valley Resources agrees to abide by the oversight of the USGS and follow any USGS recommendations as to the installation, use, decommissioning, and any other such recommendations the USGS feels necessary pertaining to the CO2 injections wells in efforts to maintain geological stability, maintain the integrity of the cap rock seal, and reduce the possibility of induced seismicity.

Wabash Valley Resources will make available any data gathered from the USGS and the monitoring network and make it readily available to the public in real time via their website and annually through a mailed report.

The CBA document should be amended to include the following sections and requirements:

Section 6 Public Awareness & Assurance:

Wabash Valley Resources agrees to provide the public with information regarding project status by mail prior to construction including but not limited to: the anticipated route of the pipeline on a map including identifiable markings, a list of landowners affected by the proposed pipeline route, a map which includes identifiable markings that demonstrates the location of the injection well sites and worst-case plume dispersion modeling, as well as a list of landowners affected by the injection well and plume modeling.

Wabash Valley Resources agrees to implement and sustain methods to increase and maintain public awareness and knowledge of the pilot project and its CO2 injection wells, plumes, and pipelines including but not limited to, text messages or other real time update systems for changes in construction and operational status of both the manufacturing and carbon sequestration aspects of the project, to create and maintain easily-accessible online materials as well as a yearly mailing sent to residents, elected and appointed officials, and affected landowners, detailing pipeline, valve, and injection well locations, safety and emergency procedures, instructions on recognizing a pipeline or plume/injection site

incident or leakage, as well as contact information for reporting and response to a continually monitored phone line.

Wabash Valley Resources will disclose modeling of worst case discharge and failure models as well as safety data sheets concerning any and all CO2 pipelines, injection sites, and plume areas to all landowners annually.

Wabash Valley Resources commits and agrees to exceed safety standards established by local, state, and federal law.

In light of the fact that CO2 pipeline regulations are currently under review by the federal government, Wabash Valley Resources agrees to postpone pipeline construction until federal standards for CO2 pipelines are dictated by PHMSA OR will retroactively update pipelines and infrastructure to exceed guidelines once they are set by PHMSA.

Wabash Valley Resources will establish and maintain a fund in an amount sufficient to fund the costs of decommissioning the entirety of the pilot project at the conclusion of its operational life as per requirements of all applicable state and federal regulations, licenses, permits, and approvals. Said fund will be corrected to reflect changes in such costs at intervals of no more than five years.

Section 7: Fence-line Community Safety and Protection

Wabash Valley Resources agrees to provide real-time emergency updates on the pilot project and its CO2 injection wells, plumes, and pipelines including but not limited to, text messages or other real time emergency alert systems for various points of failure in both the manufacturing and carbon sequestration aspects of the project.

Wabash Valley Resources agrees to provide corded or battery- powered emergency radios for all households within the areas of the injection wells and/or pipeline routes.

Wabash Valley Resources agrees to provide CO2 monitoring devices for all households within the area of the injection wells and/or pipeline routes.

Wabash Valley Resources commits to funding annual testing of private wells within the area of the injection wells and/or pipeline routes during its operations and will continue no fewer than 10 years following the decommissioning of the Project in its entirety.

Wabash Valley Resources guarantees to provide Safety/ evacuation equipment including but not limited to self-contained breathing apparatus equal to each individual within the household and oxygen tanks equal to double the number of individuals in the household equaling an average of 25-30 minutes of breathable oxygen each. Such apparatus and accompanying equipment will be replaced according to manufacturer labels and timelines and best practice safety procedures.

Wabash Valley Resources guarantees to provide each household within the area of the injection wells and pipeline routes with emergency kits including but not limited to items listed by the federal government via Ready.gov: flashlights, hand crank radios and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert, first aid kits, dust masks, and fire extinguishers. Such safety and evacuation readiness equipment shall be offered annually to all households until the cessation of the Project and all its activities

Wabash Valley Resources will provide bottled water to any and all impacted households in the event of water contamination, scarcity, or loss in an amount equal or greater than that necessary for daily consumption such provision to end a minimum of 10 years after the decommission of Wabash Valley Resources' manufacturing and CO2 sequestration project.

Wabash Valley Resources agrees that in the event that Wabash Valley Resources assigns the Project in whole or in part to any person or entity, any assignee will thereupon assume any and all obligations and liabilities of Wabash Valley Resources under this agreement.

Wabash Valley Resources guarantees the return of all easements for their manufactured product, CO2 injection well infrastructure, and pipeline infrastructure in full subsequent to the decommissioning of the Project with no additional court proceedings, cost, or action, on the part of the Landowner.

Wabash Valley Resources will provide the landowner options to abandon in place or remove pipelines restoring the affected land to equal or better condition at Wabash Valley Resources' expense. If affected landowners opt to allow Wabash Valley Resources to abandon such infrastructure in place, Wabash Valley resources will provide a one-time payment

7/8/2024

Dear Commissioners:

I am a lifelong resident of Vigo County. These are my concerns about this issue:

- there appears to be no early warning system in place for the type of industrial accidents which have occurred elsewhere. Please explore this topic in depth as relates to the proposed site and plant and plume.

- a proposed curtailing of administrative oversight at the federal level, called Project 2025, aims to reduce regulatory oversight of agencies, including the Environmental Protection Agency. What happens to the monitoring after WVR stops in 12 years? Who will monitor the wells and pipelines? In addition, the recent Supreme Court decision affecting federal agency oversight is also an unknown factor for decades-long monitoring.

I realize the focus is on economics, yet other concerns have been swept under the rug:

Mine subsidence is an unknown, which is of particular concern in an area riddled with hidden coal extraction sites. Also, affected would be soil erosion, watershed, underground acquirers, wildlife habitat, air and water quality - the company itself has already admitted, publicly and repeatedly, in August, 2023, at New Goshen, IN, the site determination was made by a man in their employ who randomly drove around the area looking for sparsely populated areas to reduce the plume effect. This process appears to be fault, incomplete and sloppy. What was the criteria for site selection?

It remains concerning that Jon Ford of the State Legislature at that time, received thousands of dollars of donation money, approximately \$25,000. He then resigned his elected position. The trust that such won't happen again with other elected has been tarnished. Where are the guardrails?

In short, there are too many unanswered questions. We are left with "damage control" and a decade-long property tax abatement.

I believe you are doing your civic duty in compliance with your public obligation as elected officials to thoroughly review this situation.

Sincerely,

Deb

7/8/2024	<p>Commissioners of Vigo County,</p> <p>The members of Local 18 Heat and Frost Insulators are looking forward to this project and support it. We are in favor of the community benefit agreement, and welcome the investment back into our community. Thank you.</p> <p>Jason Local 18 Heat and Frost Insulators</p>
7/8/2024	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>The Sheet Metal Workers Local 20 in the Terre Haute Area are in support of the agreement that WVR has proposed to the community. The relationship between WVR, the community and the County(Commissioners, Councilman as well as all of the County officeholders) now and in the future should remain strong and have an open avenue of communication to secure a successful outcome benefiting all involved.</p> <p>Thank you for the consideration,</p> <p>Shaun SMART Local 20</p>
7/8/2024	<p>The members of Bricklayers Local 4 support the proposed CBA offered by Wabash River Resources. Furthermore, we fully support the project and look forward to economic growth in the community because of this major investment.</p> <p>Best regards,</p> <p>Robert Bricklayers Local 4 IN/KY</p>
7/8/2024	<p>I am writing this email because I am opposed to the WVR project currently being planned for Fayette township in Vigo County and Clinton township in Vermillion County. If this project is successful in its becoming an actual business I have a couple of items to be added to the Community Benefits Plan.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. USGS monitoring and oversight specific to the WVR pilot project. Results in a timely fashion to be shared with the two counties affected. 2. Maintenance of roads, which roads are to be maintained and lease agreement to be signed by the two counties affected and to delineate number of years of contract. 3. Equipment and appropriate training for the fire department and emergency response teams for both counties so noted, to include vehicles which are capable of operation in an oxygen starved environment. 4. CO2 detectors and alarms to be supplied to homeowners in proposed areas affected by possible disaster. Also need to have alarms installed in strategic locations for warning notifications similar to tornado alarms.
7/8/2024	<p>As a homeowner and resident living near the proposed dump site I have grave concerns. I do not feel that enough transparency has happened. We will need the company to hold more public meetings. There will have to be WVR employees living on site 24/7 to monitor the equipment. New Goshen and Universal Fire Departments will have to be provided with electric trucks and rescue vehicles. Fayette and Van Dyne schools will have to be provided with electric buses. Charging stations for said vehicles must also be provided. Every home must have an alarm system installed and PPE for each resident plus 5 more for any guests that may be there at the time of the leak. You must consult with the staff at the affected schools to hear their concerns and respect their requests. Constant monitoring of the Wabash River and written agreements to cease production when the river drops to a certain level.</p> <p>Evelyn Shepardsville Indiana</p>
7/8/2024	<p>Things I forgot to mention in my previous email...</p> <p>1st and foremost...I DO NOT WANT THIS COMPANY OR ANY COMPANY TO INJECT CO2 UNDERGROUND.</p> <p>SAFETY NEEDS MUST BE MET BEFORE ANY "BENEFIT AGREEMENT" IS CONSIDERED!!</p> <p>All items listed (including my page 1 which I will attach again) should be paid for by Wabash Valley Resources, Wabash Carbon Services, Wabash Pipeline Services or any assignee for the next 50 years.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. soil (core samples) and water testing before, during and after injection done by a 3rd party and paid for by WVR or assignee's. 2. Alarms in homes, schools, churches. 3. 24/7 response team at the plant. 4. PPE, including 30 minute oxygen tanks, for every single person. 5. additional USGS monitors, just for the Pilot Project pipeline, injection, and radius areas that reports ALL movement paid for by WVR or assignee's. 6. charging stations for electric rescue vehicles to be paid for by WVR or assignee's. 7. water should be supplied if a shortage of water or a leak/contamination of any kind paid for by WVR or assignee's. 8. upgrade the cell service so that emergency text messages will be received in the 15 mile radius. 9. worse case scenario plans in place and explained to the public. 10. no eminent domain until 90-95% of easements are signed (as promised by WVR in a public recorded meeting). 11. Easements returned to current landowners at expense of WVR or assignee's. <p>The "benefit agreement" presented now is a JOKE. One electric rescue vehicle costs \$1.7 to \$1.9 million dollars alone.</p> <p>CINDY</p>

7/8/2024	<p>To the Vigo county commissioners and all interested.</p> <p>I've lived in Fayette township since 1976. I've always felt safe here, but I no longer feel this way because of this carbon dump that is going to happen without us having a vote by the residents. There are a number of things that need to happen if this is going to in fact become a reality.</p> <p>First, I would like you commissioners to move your families to within a few hundred yards of the dump site so if there is an accident you and your families would be in the same danger as those of us who already live here.</p> <p>There needs to be 24/7 monitoring of the dump site, there needs to be electric fire trucks and ambulances that can respond in a zero oxygen environment. There needs to be a over pressure design put into Fayette elementary school so it will keep the co2 from killing the children and staff at the school by no allowing the co2 to get into the building. All of these things have to be paid for by WVR. There</p> <p>Is it going to be true that very few residents of Vigo county are going to be employed at wvr's facility? You folks have seen this thing with dollar signs in your eyes, other than what you have gotten in campaign donations the county is not going to benefit from this dangerous project.</p> <p>There also needs to be a change so that if there is an accident that survivors of those of us who will be killed can sue the company and you commissioners not a county employees but as individuals for allowing this dangerous venture to be forced on us.</p> <p>Thank you for your time, that I doubt you will take to read this.</p> <p>Michael Shepardsville, Fayette township, Vigo County resident.</p>
7/8/2024	<p>I do not support the Wabash Valley Resources pilot program or their Eminent Domain for their pipeline.</p> <p>If the Wabash Valley Resources pilot program or pipeline is allowed to proceed I believe the Community Package from Wabash Valley Resources should include the list below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eminent Domain should not be allowed until WVR gets 95% of the land they need like they promised at the Fayette Meeting. 2. Installation of seismic monitoring equipment specifically for the WVR pilot project that is overseen by the USGS and monitors micro-quakes 3. Monitoring of seismic activity specific to the WVR pilot project by the USGS that is viewable by the public 4. USGS guidance will be followed to maintain safety of public well being 5. Trailer-mounted Fans for Forced Air Displacement for emergency responders 6. Air bottles to fill the SCBAs of local emergency responders 7. Self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) or SAR for emergency responders and effected schools 8. Air compressors and other components to fill SCBAs locally at Fire Departments in effected area 9. Any other PPEs need by first responders to be protected from CO2 exposure will be provided 10. CO2 or Oxygen monitors for emergency responders, households, and schools effected area 11. any needed HVAC modifications to schools effected such as CO2 monitoring on air inlets, emergency closures on air inlets to stop CO2 ingestion, and changing locations of air inlets to prevent CO2 ingestion 12. WVR will NOT have control of roads 13. WVR will NOT be given expedited permits or privileges in governmental due process 14. Electric Vehicles for emergency responders with charging units installed

15. WVR will create training for rupture and leak emergencies. They will provide all necessary equipment for schools, first responders, and other organizations along the pipeline route and in the injection/plume area
16. 911 operators, first responders, and schools effected CO2 emergency training yearly
17. 911 operators, first responders, cell tower operators, and schools in effected area will be provided with emergency generators, Uninterruptible Power Supplies (battery backup systems), third party text notification program, alarm systems, PA systems, cell tower upgrades, and radio systems to insure needed communications to the public and students in an event of a leak
18. WVR will talk to the school corporations to plan for, invent, and provide emergency response plans, training and equipment
19. WVR will discuss pipeline routes with school corporation to avoid pipelines near bus routes, stops, and schools.
20. First responder's buildings, schools, and home owners near pipeline or well(s) will be provided with wind socks
21. WVR will create a warning alert system like a tornado siren.
22. WVR will have an emergency response team on their property 24/7 that will respond first to any leaks, ruptures, or events.
23. WVR will maintain a text message alert system that automatically tells the community when there is a significant change in pressure, a leak, or a rupture.
24. WVR will send out maps of the plume every year.
25. WVR has to use the most up-to-date 3d imaging to see where the plume is.
26. WVR must give all the easements back after they shutdown without landowners having to do anything.
27. WVR will put out a proposed pipeline route map to the public prior to construction.
28. WVR will pay for water testing for everyone yearly. It will start before WVR starts operating and will end 15 years after they stop operating.
29. Damage to any Vigo County roads or private property done by WVR with on or off road equipment will be repaired by WVR with county or property owner involvement
30. WVR will continue monitoring well sites and any damaged sites 15 years after wells have stopped being active, such as CO2 injected or being removed from well sites

Sincerely,

7/9/2024 Yall need to halt this silliness immediately.

Quit looking at the money and think.

No one has seen long term effects of this. And indiana is limestone. Limestone mixed with your Carbon Sequestration turns into sink holes.

What happens when a pipeline breaks? Does the river get contaminated?

Stop this now.

Jason

7/9/2024 I want to be perfectly clear that this is not a compromise. I'm going to fight this to the end. Since I'm only 1/8th of a mile from the proposed dumps that you call wells, I feel that I am directly impacted by any decisions that you make. Now my town and I are in immediate danger when, not if, something happens! I do not like my town and I being labeled as collateral damage.

Before you sign anything, these are the mandatory necessary changes WVR needs to make in order to ensure my life and the life of others around me are not taken due to CO2 asphyxiation, pipeline ruptures, or earthquakes. WVR should have to pay for each one of these.

1. Wabash Valley Resources should keep their promise and not use eminent domain until they have 95% of the property they need.
2. WVR has to have the USGS come in and oversee their operation. They have to listen to what the USGS recommends and follow their advice to monitor for micro-quakes and adjust what they're doing to stop bigger ones.
3. All first responders, Fire stations and ambulance services should have at least one electric fire truck or ambulance and charging stations.
4. All EMS facilities and fire stations should have at least one electric charging station.
5. All the surrounding areas should have CO2 detection apparatuses that feed directly into warning towers that will send everyone alerts.
6. Signs should be on every telephone pole two feet off the ground along any pipeline routes carrying all of the stuff this company makes.
7. All houses and businesses near the pipelines and dumps should have CO2 detectors.
8. All houses and businesses near the pipelines and dumps should have PPE that would sustain life during a CO2 leak or rupture.
9. WVR and the emergency responders should have emergency response teams that specialize in CO2 on call 24/7.
10. The commissioners should have control over the roads

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11. WVR should have to go and get permits for anything they need to do on the roads or anywhere else just like everybody else has to.
12. WVR needs to give the easements back to everybody and remove all their pipelines and well pieces after they stop making carbon and whatever else they make without landowners having to pay or do anything.
13. The commissioners and community should see a road use agreement prior to signing a CBA
14. WVR has to pay to remove the pipelines and other pieces after they shutdown.
15. WVR must send a mailer to parents at the schools informing them about the pipelines, dumps, and plumes. They have to tell them about the possible risks each year.
16. WVR has to mail out worst case scenario models and disaster response plans for earthquakes, ruptures etc. prior to signing a CBA. WVR has to form an EMS response team who will respond if something happens.
17. WVR won't put in any pipelines until the PHMSA guidelines are created.
18. Once PHMSA guidelines are created WVR needs to exceed their safety standards.

7/9/2024 Dear Vigo County Commissioners,
WVR@vigocounty.in.gov

It is upsetting that even though we, as a community, were assured by WVR that they would meet with us and get our input on their next steps, that this has not come to fruition. Reading through the proposed Community Benefits Agreement is disheartening.

Most upsetting is the lack of protections for our community's health and safety. There are some major considerations that were left out of this proposal.

1. Increased safety measures - WVR based and staffed Hazmat response team, seismic monitoring by USGS, CO2 monitoring of entire pipeline
2. Loss of life escrow fund

WVR should also not be allowed to use our roadways without restrictions or oversight/permits for changes, no matter how much money they contribute.

Do NOT sign the Community Benefits Agreement proposed by WVR.

A Concerned Citizen of Vigo County,
Lisa

"We are being pushed to save the planet with solutions that are worse than the problems."

7/9/2024

I hope that you please listen to and read the email you receive. Many hours of research have been done on Carbon Capture and Sequestration and we have enough information to know and understand when Greg Zoeller makes comments that mislead the public to benefit Wabash Valley Resources. Our directly impacted communities have never backed this project. I want you to understand that we STILL do not back this project. However, if it is going to be forced on us there are concerns about protections and monitoring that must be added to the community benefits agreement to keep our community as safe as possible. This is a very dangerous project. In my opinion it should not happen and should not be forced onto our communities. There cannot be enough safety measures put in place to protect our community from this toxic and deadly supercritical gas. So, even though I will continue to stand against this, to protect my community against this experiment, I have created a list of things I feel are important to include in any community benefits agreement before you even consider signing it.

Sincerely,

Debbie

1. All safety measures and input should be collected, devised, and implemented prior to the start of this project.
2. The USGS must be involved directly with the WVR pilot project. WVR cannot just use national monitoring. The USGS must oversee and monitor this pilot project specifically like they do at ADM in Illinois. The community will feel much safer if a national organization has oversight. WVR must listen to the advice of the USGS and should cease operations if the USGS feels it is necessary or beneficial to limit the possibility of induced earthquakes. This monitoring data should be available to the public.
3. WVR should keep the promise they made to the community at the Fayette Elementary meeting and agree, in writing, that they will not use eminent domain until they have acquired 95% of all land they need for their pipelines, injection sites, and plume areas.
4. WVR should pay for electric fire trucks and other electric emergency response vehicles for both counties.
5. Electric charging stations should be provided for emergency response personnel in both counties with the electric bills paid for by WVR.
6. WVR should have a dedicated 24/7 emergency response team that they train and pay on standby at their plant to respond to any emergency involving their pilot project and any of its pieces.

7. Alarms should be placed throughout the two counties that send text-message alerts as well as set off sirens in the event of a rupture or a leak.
8. WVR should place windsocks along the pipeline route and provide one for every home in the impacted areas.
9. Carbon Dioxide monitors should be provided to the schools and homes in the impacted areas at WVR cost.
10. WVR should have to work with the school corporations to make emergency response and evacuation procedures in case of a CO2 rupture, leak, or other incident related to their operations. WVR should be responsible for training and equipping teachers and staff at the schools to prepare them in case of emergency.
11. This should include things like breathing apparatuses enough for all children and personnel at each school, as well as enough water, flashlights, and emergency food to sustain each individual for a month.
12. WVR must involve the school boards and superintendents to decide what supplies and resources the schools need and WVR will supply them at no cost to the schools. WVR must also allow the schools to have input on the pipeline routes to protect buses and children.
13. WVR should send out mailers to each household in the community prior to construction including maps of proposed pipeline routes, well sites, and plumes, and informational fliers that disclose all materials traveling in the pipes and informing the public of all potential dangers. Fliers will continue to be sent to all households no less than once per year.
14. WVR must hold regular informational meetings with the public to inform them about the progress of the project and their operations prior to and after construction and startup.
15. WVR must maintain transparency about their operations and tell people in the community what is being created at the plant, what is being piped through the community, what roads they intend to use, and any and all changes they intend to make through regular mailings prior to and during operations.
16. WVR will bury the pipelines deeper at a minimum 10 feet.
17. WVR will pressure test the pipelines to 1.5x the pressure they intend to use before injection begins.
18. Soil testing and core samples should be done bi-annually, and results must be made public. Sampling should be completed at multiple places around the injection site and along the pipeline routes. WVR will also pay for soil testing for all residents prior to the start of the project and will continue to pay for yearly soil testing for those in the impacted areas. This testing will continue until the company has been out of operation for 10 years.
19. WVR will pay for water testing for all residents prior to the start of the project and will continue to pay for monthly water testing. The testing will continue until the company has been out of operation for 10 years.
20. Monitoring of the plume should be continuous and the live results available to the public. WVR should use atmospheric monitors, near surface monitoring techniques (used to measure CO2 that extends from the top soil zone to groundwater zone), and 3D plume modeling. These results should also be mailed to each citizen of the counties yearly.
21. WVR will pay to upgrade the communication systems, internet, cell service to support emergency alert systems and information availability.
22. WVR will assume full liability for any sinkholes that occur in the plume area or along the pipeline routes.
23. Worst-case scenario disaster modeling and emergency response planning for situations including but not limited to CO2 leaks, pipeline ruptures, induced earthquakes should be done at WVR's expense, and the modeling should be disclosed to each resident of the county via mail.
24. After the project is completed, WVR will return all easements acquired for their project to the landowners with no cost and no action on the part of the landowners.
25. After WVR stops operating, landowners will have the choice about what happens to the pipelines and other infrastructure on their property. Landowners will choose to either: 1. have WVR remove the pipelines and other project pieces and restore the land to the same or better condition at WVR's cost or 2. Have WVR abandon the pipelines in place. If landowners allow WVR to abandon pipelines and other infrastructure in place, WVR will provide the landowner with a one-time payment equal to or greater than the cost to remove the pipelines and other project pieces and restore the land to the same or better condition.
26. WVR must wait to construct and inject until PHMSA guidelines are in place and their construction must exceed the new PHMSA guidelines.

7/10/2024 Any simulations of emergency responders working under a blanket of pure CO2? I don't think WVR can back up there is any scientific proof that the methods would work in a pure CO2 environment.

I don't think anyone has tried breathing with scuba gear in a pure CO2 atmosphere. Nothing in my textbook of medical physiology or toxicology text tells me that CO2 would not diffuse through the skin, make the extracellular fluids acid and kill. It is chemically reactive and makes the blood acid. The skin does some exchange of gases.

Even if you removed the CO2 with calcium or potassium hydroxide like is done in submarines those chemicals would be exhausted in minutes in a pure CO2 environment.

So long after they leave the equipment would age and need to be replaced, not that it work in pure CO2 anyway.

Your agreement should force WVR to pay for relocation expenses for those who don't want to live near ground zero which is all of Vigo.

What security system would prevent terrorist attacks? Any protection from drones? Any protection from a stolen fuel tanker? Any early warning for EMS in the surrounding counties?

This project is pushed by Wall Street and would make them vast quantities of money if it fails through a catastrophic leak.

Respectfully yours,

Richard

7/11/2024	<p>I emailed this to each of the commissioners but never received a response, so I am sending it to the address as well to ensure it is included in the comments for the CBA.</p> <p>I want it to be noted that WVR should have no authority or special privileges over our roads. These are paid for by the tax payers and any decisions made for these should be made by the people we elect. Therefore, no company should be given authority or be allowed to bypass the procedures and permitting in place for road use nor should they be granted non-exclusive rights or use without restrictions.</p> <p>As I continued to review the Vigo County CBA I noticed that it referenced attachments as part of the CBA document under the rural infrastructure use agreement section. I looked on the county website but I was unable to find the attachments that WVR references in their community benefits agreement document. Could you please point me to the link where these attachments, which constitute the complete and entire agreement, can be found on the government website?</p>
7/11/2024	<p>Please respond. Thank you.</p> <p>Deb</p> <p>quote from his banned book, NIGHT: "I swore never to be silent whenever and wherever human beings endure suffering and humiliation. We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented."</p> <p>—Elie Wiesel, Holocaust Survivor and Nobel Laureate</p>
7/12/2024	<p>I am glad to see money going back to the community I would like to see county elected officials be involved in the process. This should help include more than just the executive branch but also the financial branch of county government.</p> <p>Todd</p> <p>Sent from my iPhone</p>
7/13/2024	<p>Thank you for extending the time for community comments about the CBA offered by Wabash Valley Resources to the Vigo County Commissioners. I understand the Commissioners feel their "hands are tied" on this project, but providing for the protection of our communities MUST be a priority for those of you we have elected to represent us, the local residents. I DO NOT support the pipeline and sequestration part of WVR's project and hope we can stop it from happening in Vigo and Vermillion Counties.</p> <p>My home is located just over a mile away from the proposed injection site in Vigo County. My family will be living with the CO2 plume under our home and within a quarter of a mile from the CO2 pipeline that will go to the Vermillion County injection site. It was just under a year ago that I received the letter from the EPA about the Class VI Well Permit WVR was trying to obtain. This was the FIRST I ever heard that sequestration was a part of the anhydrous producing plant at the old Destec facility. There was ZERO community outreach by our state legislators, by Wabash Valley Resources, or our county officials who were aware of this project since 2016 (As stated at the July 2nd Vigo Commissioner's Meeting). Wabash Valley Resources met with impacted residents at the Union Hall in Vermillion County and a meeting at Fayette School where they promised to have more public meetings to provide answers to our questions and detailed safety measures that would be taken. There have not been any more PUBLIC meetings or outreach with the affected community. They also should be held to their promise by Rory Chambers, to not use eminent domain unless they have acquired 90 - 95% of landowner's permission.</p> <p>As stated in the CBA, I DO NOT believe that Wabash Valley Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * is committed to enhancing community safety, protecting the natural environment, and enhancing community welfare as an integral part of its operations <p>If they are committed to these things, why did they have their liability limited in the bill passed by the legislature that is forcing this project on landholders in Vigo and Vermillion County? WVR stated at the Fayette meeting they did not want to be bothered with frivolous lawsuits. They are not responsible for any damage caused to our homes, wells, or if our property values go down and insurance rates go up. For public safety:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Commissioners should demand that WVR invite and pay for the USGS to have project specific monitoring and oversight at the well injection sites and surrounding plume areas in Vigo and Vermillion Counties as ADM has at their Decatur, IL carbon sequestration facility. There is evidence that seismic activity can be increased due to the CO2 being injected at such high pressures. Seismic activity, even at low levels, can cause the capstone that would protect our water supply to develop cracks that would allow the sequestered CO2 to escape. (This article lists recommendations for monitoring on page 8 https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1748-9326/9/6/064022/pdf Decatur, IL ADM importance of seismic monitoring https://academic.oup.com/gji/article/227/2/1094/6315329) <p>With the addition of the 11 miles of CO2 pipeline along with the existing pipelines in our area, seismic activity also puts our community at higher risk from pipeline ruptures.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The commissioners should demand that WVR's CO2 pipeline meet the PHMSA guidelines for CO2 pipelines that are currently being written. The pipeline should not be constructed before the safety standards are put in place. If they choose to construct before the standards are released, the pipeline in Vigo and Vermillion Counties should not be "grandfathered in". They MUST meet PHMSA standards to safeguard the community. https://climate.law.columbia.edu/content/phmsa-advances-co2-pipeline-safety-regulations 3. The commissioners should demand an emergency alert system be installed by WVR to immediately notify all local first responders, Vigo and Vermillion County Government Response Teams, the Vigo and Vermillion County School Corporations, and ALL local residents within a 5 mile radius of the CO2 pipelines in the event of ANY pipeline failure (rupture, leak, loss of pressure) or failure at the injection sites. This should include both text messages and audible sirens throughout the impacted areas. Since cell service and internet reliability is lacking in the impacted rural communities, WVR should be responsible for upgrading these services to assure the community's safety. The people of Sartia, Mississippi were not notified and want other communities to be aware of the dangers. https://www.npr.org/2023/05/21/1172679786/carbon-capture-carbon-dioxide-pipeline 4. Before the commissioners consider signing any CBA, they should be provided with WVR's "worst case" scenario disaster plans for our community. With the number of underground mined areas, even small changes in seismic activity can trigger sinkholes. These plans need to be made available to the public. WVR's disaster team should be required to be the first on site (24/7 availability) to coordinate emergency services, provide electric vehicles to rescue families nearest to the disaster site, and breathing apparatus for all families to have in their homes in case of an emergency. They should also provide plans for safeguarding our elementary schools in the impacted areas. This needs to include plans to shelter students in place, practice CO2 drills, and provide breathing apparatus for all students. WVR should also be required to pay for water testing for all impacted residents' wells and community water supplies before, during, and after injection of CO2 begins. <p>*WVR recognizes the community's past and continuing support of the Project</p> <p>The only support of WVR's Project is that of the labor unions, government officials, and farmers who believe having a local anhydrous supply would be beneficial. (A CO2 Pipeline and Sequestration Project is NOT required to operate an anhydrous production facility.) Landowners, who have been stripped of their private property and mineral rights, have NEVER supported the CO2 Pipeline and Sequestration portion of the project.</p>

1. To be fair to the taxpaying landowners in the impacted community, this blanket statement of support needs to be changed to include the landowners' opposition to WVR's dangerous pipeline and sequestration pilot project. Signing a CBA with this statement would be tantamount to fraud since commissioners and WVR are aware of the opposition to this project by impacted community members.

I ask that you do not give up your local authority to WVR as to closing down roads and allowing WVR to determine which roads they damaged and what they will repair. Five million dollars covers about 5 miles of roads. Please think about the number of semis on our county roads during the construction phase, hauling in pet coke, and hauling out anhydrous ammonia. I hope you are looking at the safety of those trucks also. I shudder to think of an accident like the one in Teutopolis, IL that claimed the lives of 5 people and affected the health of several others, happening on IN-63, Third Street, or National Avenue.

Thank you for considering my concerns and opposition to this project. I hope you will read some of the information at the links I included. I must state again, I believe the blanket statement about the community support needs to be changed to include the impacted landowners' opposition to the pipeline and sequestration in our community. The safety of the community must be a priority. I do not believe WVR wants to be a part of our community. They have not been transparent or honest with those of us who will be negatively impacted by this project. WVR is here to get as much government money via grants and Q45 credits, and leave the community to deal with the fallout long after they are gone.

Your hands are "not tied" in regard to this agreement. There should not be a rush to enter into an agreement if WVR truly has community safety as a goal. You can insure the protection of the impacted community by your actions and changes to this CBA. I hope you will do the right thing for all community members, unlike our state officials.

7/13/2024

Dear Commissioner's,

Please look at this information about putting CO2 in the ground. Once it goes in there is no safe way to take it out and the damage is done. No amount of money is worth the damage this does to the ground and water table. All of you get your water from the Wabash River basin, and once it is contaminated your home values go down drastically. Please look at this web site before you make a really big mistake you will regret.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/business/environment/study-charts-how-underground-co2-can-leach-metals-into-water-idUS157208454/#:~:text=It's%20not%20common%20for%20a,concentrations%20that%20would%20pose%20a>

Thanks,
Bill

7/14/2024

Dear Vigo County Commissioners:

As the board president of the Town of Universal, I suggest that you do not take any action at this point on the Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) with Wabash Valley Resources. All stakeholders and residents need to discuss this agreement more in detail and publicly and studies need to be done.

This is uncharted territory in the U.S., and local government officials need to demand that further studies be done concerning the CBA.

We need a study done on the cost of emergency preparation and response to any disasters that could occur from WVR's carbon sequestration project. One firetruck cost at minimum \$500,000. We will need electric vehicles, protective gear, seismic monitoring systems, and who knows what else. These emergency protocols will be hashed out by the federal government, but at this point in time, we have no idea what it will cost to train and attempt to keep citizens in Vigo and Vermillion counties safe.

The same goes for the water supplies of the communities affected by the WVR carbon sequestration project. Studies need to be done about the cost of fixing (if fixing is even possible) water systems that may be contaminated by this project.

We shouldn't put the cart before the horse. This Community Benefits Agreement needs researched, and WVR and/or the federal government needs to foot the bill.

No action on your part should be taken on the Community Benefits Agreement until full research and more public discussion takes place.

Sincerely,

Doug Town Board President of Universal, Indiana

7/14/2024

Commissioner's, Wabash Valley Resources Community Benefit Agreement will not give the community directly impacted what must be included by this company to insure Health, Safety and Monitoring Equipment. All of this should be part of the company's plan already to operate as a concerned business for our community. Instead, this company (WVR) wants to give you our Vigo County Commissioners the power to agree with this plan and sign off as community involvement.

Wabash Valley Resources Pilot Project has only engaged in two public meetings with the directly impacted community just after the August 2023 EPA meeting. At the EPA meeting everyone attending heard for the first time the name Wabash Valley Resources Pilot Project, CO2 injection wells and site locations. Comments made by those attending from our community pertained to our area having been heavily mined, seismic activity, and harm to our families, and wildlife returning to the area.

Since the two public meetings Wabash Valley Resources has failed to engage with any meaningful meetings with our community. In the July 2, 2024 Commissioners Meeting our group Concerned Citizens Against Wabash Valley Resources were asked by Tammy Allen from your office, "where were we in 2016 when this was happening". The statement shows contact with Wabash Valley Resources and those in the Commissioner's office at that time and till now has been on going and leaving out the community directly impacted.

November 2023 a small group of us met with Mark Clinkenbeard giving him needs for Health, Safety, and Monitoring Equipment. This list was to be given to Wabash Valley Resources with intentions of a meeting with the community. We have never received a reply and we have asked.

June 28, 2024 Wabash Valley Resources presented to the Vigo County Commissioners a Community Benefits Agreement asking for their signatures as representing the community.

Giving a deadline of July 8, 2024 to have it signed. Not everyone in our community has reliable internet, or internet in many homes in our community as many do not have an email or subscribe to the paper. Wabash Valley Resources claims their website hasn't received comments or questions. Interaction should be with the community directly impacted using the internet for communication will not reach everyone in our community. Giving the community till July 15, 2024 doesn't provide sufficient time for everyone involved to respond by email to you our commissioners. Not having a public meeting in our community is again private conversations with Wabash Valley Resources and not with those directly impacted leaves us out yet again.

Wabash Valley Resources Pilot project is circumventing The Department of Energy requirements for Federal Funds. It states companies receiving Federal Funds must engage with the community directly impacted. This has not been the case for WVR. This should be a priority for WVR instead of an avoidance. Using you our Commissioners to state they have would be an injustice to us the ones who are affected by this project.

There is nothing in that Benefits Agreement addressing our list of needs. We asked for WVR to have USGS monitoring for micro seismic activity which is used in the ADM plant in Decatur, IL. We showed the letter from USGS stating the concerns they had for our area. This was immediately turned down by Greg Zoeller, Vice President Wabash Valley Resources, as unnecessary. This from the former Attorney General of Indiana not open to discussing with us his decision.

This letter was included in the minutes July 2, 2024 Commissioners meeting.

Wabash Valley Resources should not benefit by using this presentation of its Community Benefits Agreement to you our Commissioners to sign. This company has nothing to give us in its present contents that address the Health, Safety and Monitoring Equipment we have asked. They have eminent domain over our homes, school and farmland. They also have limited liability granted by our Legislators. Wanting to give this money to the Wabash Valley Foundation to use on their discretion will not meet our needs or concerns.

I ask for the Vigo County Commissioners to stand with those in our community directly impacted by Wabash Valley Resources Pilot Project to say no and not sign this Agreement.
Janet

7/14/2024 To whom it may concern:

Water is our most precious resource and unlike air, contaminations to our water system are not easily corrected. Any damage done to our aquifers will be long-lasting both in terms of environmental impacts and the negative impacts on the health of our communities. WVR has presented us with no plan to correct anything that might go wrong with our water and no plans to protect or respond to any other disaster or problem that might arise. Instead, they are trying to push responsibility off on EMS responders, the fire department, and citizens who are not trained and cannot be trained to adequately respond to all the things that WVR will be producing. Nor should they have to. Chemical companies have always had teams that were responsible for protecting the environment when something happens. WVR should have to create and maintain a team at their plant to respond to any emergencies that arise whether it occurs on their plant site, along their pipelines, at the injection site, or within the plume. Asking WVR to have the same types of safety and response procedures in place as other chemical operations is not too much to ask. They are the ones who should be responsible for protecting the environment and the people; they are the ones bringing this here. WVR should have full responsibility and liability for any emergencies or disruptions caused by their operations and CO2 wells and pipelines. WVR and any other company they sell or assign this project to, should be fully liable for anything to do with their pilot project and citizens should retain the right to sue them for damages.

WVR's plan requires them to break through the consolidated slate bedrock to pump waste below our aquifer which will spread for miles. That means there are miles of opportunity for the CO2 and any contaminants to be pushed up through the unconsolidated materials and into our water supply. As the CO2 seeps through the rock, it picks up heavy metals and other contaminants that will work its way to the aquifer and ultimately contaminate our supply. Not only do the leaching of heavy metals and leaking CO2 threaten our aquifer but it is also threatened by the very saline that WVR is pumping into. When the saline is displaced, it will be forced out and upward into our water supply either through the unconsolidated rock or by following the pipes that they have pushed into the bedrock. There is no way to keep the salt out of our aquifer, and once the water is contaminated there is no going back. WVR must be held accountable for the risk they are posing to the water supply for our communities.

This project must be viewed in terms of risk versus reward. There are a lot of immediate and long-term risks that must be shouldered by our community and no benefits. We will be left with nothing more than the cost. Once this company gets what they want and they leave, we will be dealing with this for the rest of our lives. The intent for the Clean Water Drinking Act was to protect the most precious resource that people have, water. WVR's pilot project poses a long-term threat to our water, our most important resource. Even if the unthinkable does not happen immediately, the material that WVR is pumping underground will remain a risk to our water into perpetuity. If this project is allowed through, our communities face the continuous risk that we will be left high and dry. Literally. We will be faced with the irreversible consequences that will rob us of our water, our environment, our health, and possibly our lives.

Respectfully,

Mike

7/14/2024 Dear commissioners

Thank you for letting me voice my opinion and I really hope that you will actually take the community comments into consideration rather than allowing us to go through the motions for no purpose. To start with I absolutely don't want this project at all. I don't think the risk is worth the reward. I know you think this is a done deal and can't be stopped (we have hope) maybe it can maybe it can't. We're just asking for you guys to stand with us, listen to our concerns, listen to our ideas before you sign this CBA and hopefully not sign it. Many of the concerned citizens have spent thousands of hours researching and believe this can be stopped and believe that WVR need your signatures before they can get the government funding they need to continue this project. This CBA agreement sounds like a lot of money to the average person but as you guys know it won't go very far when you start black topping roads at a 1.2 million dollars a mile or buying fire trucks at 1.7 million a piece. Other counties in other states are stopping it. By using amendments and set backs. But all were asking right not is for you to not do anything, don't sign anything.

Here are the things I think should have been offered in the CBA to protect us:

1. WVR should have the USGS come in and monitor for earthquakes for this project specifically. The ADM plant had the USGS come in to be safe. WVR should do it too.
2. WVR should pay USGS to put in a specific monitoring systems for this plant.
3. WVR should pay USGS to monitor for microquakes to protect from bigger quakes.
4. WVR should have to listen to what USGS has to say and adapt their practice to follow their suggestions to protect the cap rocks containing the CO2 from fracturing.
5. WVR should do what they said at the Fayette Elementary meeting about eminent domain. They should promise on the CBA that they will not use eminent domain against the people of the community until they have 95% of the land they need.
6. WVR should provide Electric vehicles for first responders and fire departments
7. WVR should provide CO2 alarms for all houses and businesses
8. WVR should have to work with the schools and corporations near the pipelines and injection wells to plan the equipment to protect themselves and evacuate from any leaks or ruptures and pay to provide it for them.
9. WVR should put Leak detector alarms with messaging sent to community and first responders
10. WVR should install alert systems like tornado sirens for CO2 leaks and ruptures.
11. Wind socks along the pipeline so we can see where the wind is blowing in case of a leak or rupture
12. WVR should tell everybody through mail what the worst-case model is for a leak or rupture and what action to take.
13. WVR should send out a mailing every year that shows where the plume is.

14. WVR should pay third party to use 3D testing or the most advanced modeling technology to track the plume
15. WVR should not have any control over the roads.
16. WVR should not be automatically approved for permits for road use, upgrades, or anything else. They should have to go through the same process as any other company.
17. WVR's requests should not be pushed through government processes faster than anybody else's and there should be no pressure on the commissioners or other government officials to give WVR what they want if it isn't good for the communities and does not follow the spirit of the law.
- 18.

Here are questions that I want answered:

1. Gupta said in the universal meeting that if we didn't want this they would not build it. Is this promise going to be kept ?
2. Will they supply escape packs for everyone along pipeline and in plum area ?
3. Will the community be provided with the responses to the CBA comments?
4. Once they have read and responded publicly to all the comments on the current draft of the CBA will there be a comment period for the revised Community Benefits Agreement?
5. What will WVR do IF they contaminate our aquifer? (I know they say it won't. I want to know what they are willing to do if they DO contaminate it?)
6. How much money will be set aside to supply water if the aquifer is contaminated?
7. Are you going to supply electric rescue vehicles to first responders and firefighters?
8. Rory Chambers said WVR wouldn't use eminent domain until it was a last resort. Not until they had 90-95% of what they needed. Is this true?
9. Will you be trucking all of your products away from the plant or plan to build more pipelines and hydrogen hubs ?
10. Will you have a third party come in and monitor for earthquakes ?
11. If there are microquakes will you stop injecting?
12. If you have so much money why do you need the tax abatements?
13. If you don't need the tax abatements can't you give them back?
14. Do you recognize that the entirety of the impacted communities are against this project?
15. You say you are going to retrain and employ "former" coal mine workers. There are no displaced "former" coal mine workers and especially none of working age, the few that are left are retired. How are you going to train them? How will you fulfill that statement?
16. Will you sell pieces of your company to foreign entities?
17. Will you truck in CO2 from other places?
18. Will there be pipelines from other companies into your well sites?
19. You said your feedstock was pet coke, then biomass, then waste plastics, what are you really using as your feedstock?
20. What are you actually going to make? Anhydrous? Power? Hydrogen or mostly CO2 ?
21. When you asked for your tax abatement, why did you tell the county council you had your permit when it was not approved yet?
22. Aren't there greener ways of making hydrogen and fertilizer?
23. Why aren't you using one of the greener ways of making hydrogen?

PS I hope you understand that these are good people that are just scared and upset. People are threatening to take there land that they have worked so hard for through intamate domain and or pump millions of gallons of poison under there homes

Sincerely,

John

7/15/2024 This is a lifetime contract. Are you thinking at least 230 years into the future?

VFD in the whole county should have regular updates to equipment, including new engines, tankers & ambulances and new & maintained buidings to house the equipemnt and for purposes of training. Have you thought about CO2 gases creeping up in the various coal mines of the county, not just in Fayette Twp. Even environmental lawyer & Presidential candidate, RFK Jr. says that carbon sequestration is a boondoggle.

Also if you do this, the gravel roads or those that aren't maintained to a smooth standard should be, such as W. Trinity Ave, & Pottsville Rd.

Thank you for your time & serious re-consideration of any agreement with WVR.

Brian
Fayette Twp.
Vigo Co.

Relative of the late Commissioner Frank Hutchinson

7/15/2024 Hello,

My name is Lana and I live in the path of the proposed sequestration area. As I have read the proposed "benefits" to the county, it appears that they offer many things, but not what we who live here want. I want them to be held accountable if anything goes wrong. I want them to take responsibility and pay for damages and to provide clean water if our tables are ruined due to an event. I want WVR to monitor the area for signs of damage and seismic activity that could cause an event to occur. We as citizens have to be held accountable for our actions and I believe that businesses should be as well. If they are going to place this danger in our midst, they have to be accountable for what happens. Please do not accept the package it is presented.

Respectfully,
Lana

7/15/2024 Please respond. Thank you.

Deb

quote from his banned book, NIGHT: "I swore never to be silent whenever and wherever human beings endure suffering and humiliation. We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented."

—Elie Wiesel, Holocaust Survivor and Nobel Laureate

7/15/2024	<p>#1 I do not want to see this project happen at all!</p> <p>#2 If this goes thru, they should have to bury the pipeline 10ft into the ground instead of 5ft to better insure there may not be an accident if a leak creates itself.</p> <p>#3 If it goes thru, I would like to see something in the package to protect the homeowners like me that do not fall in to the Plume area, and the pipeline will be directly placed in front of my residence and down the side of my property (not on my property) and I will not receive any compensation at all that my property value will go down the tubes! Everything I have worked my whole life for will be absolutely worthless all because they want to become extremely wealthy! I can only see my property value go straight down the tubes. The pipeline is set to come down the Sandford Road and turn right in front of my house and go on one side or the other of my property and I have no say so whatsoever and I do not fall into the Plume area. I want to see some sort of compensation for me that will protect my property value and everything that I have worked for that they will be taking away!</p> <p>#4 We also need to make sure that the public is taken care of in the fact that the Fire Departments are trained and properly equipped with electric vehicles. Along with another department totally equipped out by the Sandford area closer to the area effected. Each department should have 2 paid full time around the clock Firefighter/EMT's on duty 24/7!</p> <p>#5 Each Household in this area needs to be equipped with an emergency kit and with enough oxygen for everyone in the house for at least the amount of time it would take to get help to them.</p> <p>#6 The School needs to be equipped with all the medical equipment and supplies it needs if the children should happen to get stranded there for a period of time until safe to return to their homes.</p> <p>#7 I could go on and on and on and this project is a very unsafe for our community or any other community that is why the state of Illinois has put a stop to anything happening in their state for several years until more research is done. I think the leaders of this community and the leaders of Indiana should have the same respect for the people that have elected them to office and take care of us as we have trusted them to do, not sell us out!</p> <p>In conclusion my opinion is my opinion and I think I stand with about all the other residents in this area on this topic.</p> <p>Thank you taking the time to read my concerns and I would like a response to this email to know it did not fall on deaf ears and my voice at least is heard in this matter,</p> <p>Thank you, Nancee West Terre Haute, IN</p>
7/17/2024	<p>Wabash valley resources are threatening to steal our property and ruin the very ground we farm, live and raise our children on while every last one of you refuse to join the fight. What will you tell your children when the very ground we are standing on is so polluted you can't even grow grass. Will you tell them I couldn't join the fight my hand were tied. Or The money is so much more important than you. We had nice roads for a couple years. Not me I will tell them I'm sorry but I fought till the very end because I love this land and my family.</p>
7/18/2024	<p>gentlemen- Please advise: where does this offer stand now? Has it been withdrawn?</p> <p>community benefits agreement form:</p> <p>Vigo County Commissioners Seek Input on Community Investment</p>
7/27/2024	<p>To whom it may concern:</p> <p>Wabash Valley Resources wants to use our community and manipulate the people in government to get rich quick and destroy our communities in the process. WVR has manipulated to get what they want at every turn and don't care about the risks to our communities. They are always trying to give the impression that they have community support, but that is a bold-faced lie. They have not talked to the impacted communities. They have tried to go straight to the commissioners to get signatures and approvals instead of talking to the people who will be directly impacted by this pilot project. In fact, they have not involved Vermillion County at all. They are trying to do everything out of Vigo County. Even then they haven't talked to or asked the people who are directly impacted. They are trying to use elected officials to make it out to be that they have "engaged" with the community.</p> <p>These people at Wabash Valley Resources are trying to work the system and the laws the state wrote. They are trying to make you think that they have done what they are supposed to do so they can do whatever they want. Do not let them use our communities to make themselves billions.</p> <p>Wabash Valley Resources has not thought about or even asked what kinds of protections the community wants in place. We haven't even had a meeting with them since last year and they cancelled the last one we had scheduled. They only wanted to meet with us when they thought we were stupid and knew we didn't have any information and had no idea what their company was going to do so we would believe their side. They didn't ever want to talk about what the dangers were. Now that we've educated ourselves about carbon capture this company is refusing to meet with us at all because they know we won't just take their word and go along. No one should take what this company says without looking it up for yourselves! They have lied from the start to get things set up the way they want.</p> <p>They said they were going to make fertilizer for our farmers, then they changed and said hydrogen, then their investor told all these international and out of state people that they're gonna be a power operation and put power into the grid! We called them out on all the changing and now they're back to saying they'll make fertilizer. If they're going to be so good for the environment and our communities, why not just tell the straight truth?</p> <p>They say they are going to save our communities. They aren't. They are using our communities as a dump to make money for themselves. They're telling the government one thing while they're here planning and doing something different. No carbon sequestration project has ever captured the amount of CO2 they said they would. WVR will be no different. I think this is all going to be tied in with oil and power. They're just using you guys and us to save on costs so they can get rich quick! They even asked the EPA if they could dump two times as much CO2 under our homes in half the time! They don't care about us. All they're looking for is a way to get rich quick.</p>

WVR thinks they can use us for whatever they want, and they don't care what will happen to us. This company refuses to talk to any of the impacted community members. They've been very clear about not wanting to be in business after the tax credits run out. They want to get the money and run and leave us with all the side effects. They've just been trying to make all the government people believe they're working with us by getting signatures from the community foundations and government officials without any input from us!

We asked to have the USGS come in and have independent oversight like they do at ADM in Decatur, but WVR won't have it! They won't even get the USGS to come in and monitor them specifically to make sure their experiment doesn't cause microquakes which can mess up the cap rock seals and let the CO2 back out! That can destroy our environment and take our lives! They don't ever want to be told they have to stop even if it is to protect us! They said outright that they didn't want to put this under Terre Haute. If it is so safe, why? I refuse to be collateral damage.

This company does not want to work with our community or save our environment. They are nothing more than money grabbers that are hiding behind the carbon capture smokescreen so they can continue to make money off oil. I don't want to pay them to come the mile out to my hometown to mess up our environment in less time than they originally planned and then get their money and leave us with earthquakes and damage that we have to pay for with our hard-earned tax dollars.

I am asking that you help us fight this. Talk to the people you work with. Help people understand what is really going on. A lot of politicians have said the laws are already passed or like in Vigo County "our hands are tied." Well, there are a lot of different ways to fight something. Speak out, work to get people to know what is really going on. Talk to people at the federal level. Come to our meetings. Gain support and then try and get laws in place to help us. They say the definition of insanity is doing the same thing and expecting different results. If you think we will vote for the people who sold us out or refuse to stand with us a second time, you are wrong. I am a voter; all my friends are voters and our community talks. We won't stop at our county lines. Other people in the state and across the Midwest are fighting back against this too. If you won't stand with us and help us fight back, everyone will know about it by November. Think of it this way, you're getting ready to slide into home, it's up to you whether you will be out, or safe.

I refuse to be a casualty of a company that sees that it is important to protect a city but feels like us hicks-in-the-sticks are acceptable collateral damage.

I hope you will join us in our fight to protect our state and the Midwest.

Sincerely,

Donnie- Indiana